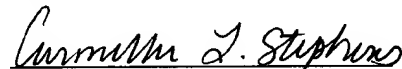


REMARKS

This amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed on November 14, 2003 for the above-referenced patent application. The Examiner has requested that Applicants submit an Application Data Sheet which identifies the foreign application, to which the present application claims priority, by application number and filing date. In response, Applicants submit herewith the requested Application Data Sheet.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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